



In the Claims:

- 1) Please cancel claims 25 and 26:

- 2) Please amend claim 16 replacing "external" with "internal", in the fourth clause of claim 16 thus:

"said primary attachment of said fastening section includes an
~~external~~ --internal-- threading"

such that the fourth line of claim 16 now reads:

"said primary attachment of said fastening section includes an
internal threading"

- 3) Please amend claim 17 replacing "external" with "internal", in the fourth clause of claim 17. Also, please delete the words "one of", such that the amended claim becomes:

17. The body decoration system according to claim 16, wherein
said external threading of said secondary end of said body piercing section,
said external threading of said primary end of said body piercing section,
said secondary internal threading of said head section, and
said internal threading of said primary attachment of said fastening section are
threaded with identical threads.

- 4) Please amend claim 19 by changing "body piercing section" to "body decoration system", also please change "preferably less than 180 degrees, and more preferably between 90 degrees and 180 degrees" to "less than 180 degrees", thus the amended claim becomes:

19. The body decoration system of claim 1, wherein:

said primary end of said body piercing section has a first axis,
said secondary end of said body piercing section has a second axis,
said first axis forming an angle with said second axis,
wherein said angle is less than 180 degrees.

5) Please amend claim 20 by changing:

“preferably less than 180 degrees, and more preferably between 90 degrees and 180 degrees”

to

“is less than 180 degrees”.

6) Please add a new claim 27 as follows:

27. The body decoration system of claim 19, wherein:

said angle formed between said first axis and said second axis is
between 90 degrees and 180 degrees.

7) Please add a new claim 28 as follows:

28. The body decoration system of claim 20, wherein:

said angle formed between said primary and secondary ends of said
body piercing section is between 90 and 180 degrees.

8) Please delete claim 18

9) Please add a new claim 29 as follows:

29. A body decoration system for the application of decorative elements
which comprises:

a body piercing section,

said body piercing section having a primary end,
a secondary end, and
a diameter;

a fastening section,

said fastening section having a diameter,
said diameter of said fastening section being greater than
said diameter of said body piercing section,
a primary attachment,
said primary attachment of said fastening section
being detachably related in mating engagement with
said primary end of said body piercing section;

a head section,

said head section having a secondary attachment,
said secondary attachment of said head section being
attached to said secondary end of said body piercing
section,
said secondary attachment of said head section having a
first axis,
a primary attachment,
said primary attachment of said head section providing a
detachable mating engagement;
said primary attachment of said head section having an
second axis,
said first axis forming an angle with said second axis,
said angle between said first axis and said second axis
being between 90 degrees and 135 degrees;

and a decorative section,
said decorative section having
a primary attachment,
said primary attachment of said decorative section
being detachably related in mating engagement to
said primary attachment of said head section,
a decorative element,
said decorative element being affixed to said
primary attachment of said decorative section;

whereby said decorative section may be removed and replaced with a
different decorative section without removing said head section or said
fastening section from said body piercing section.

10) Please add a new claim 30 as follows:

30. A body decoration system for the application of decorative elements
which comprises:

a body piercing section,
said body piercing section having a primary end,
a secondary end, and
a diameter;

a fastening section,
said fastening section having a diameter,
said diameter of said fastening section being greater than
said diameter of said body piercing section,
a primary attachment,

said primary attachment of said fastening section
being detachably related in mating engagement with
said primary end of said body piercing section;

a head section,

said head section having a secondary attachment,
said secondary attachment of said head section being
attached to said secondary end of said body piercing
section,
said secondary attachment of said head section having a
first axis,

a primary attachment,

said primary attachment of said head section providing a
detachable mating engagement;
said primary attachment of said head section having an
second axis,

said first axis forming an angle with said second axis,
said angle between said first axis and said second axis
being less than 180 degrees;

and a decorative section,

said decorative section having
a primary attachment,
said primary attachment of said decorative section
being detachably related in mating engagement to
said primary attachment of said head section,
a decorative element,
said decorative element being affixed to said
primary attachment of said decorative section;

whereby said decorative section may be removed and replaced with a
different decorative section without removing said head section or said
fastening section from said body piercing section.

11) Please add a new claim 31 as follows:

31. The body decoration system of claim 30, wherein:

said angle between said first axis and said second axis being
between 90 degrees and 180 degrees;
